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As an IT professional I know the computing industry and both home/personal computing as well as corporate computing quite well. It is utterly ridiculous to continue this pursuit of Microsoft. Sure they may have some monopolistic power but only because we the people have accepted that Windows is better than the alternatives. I am sure I don't speak only for myself when I say I am glad the operating system comes with as many features as it does. I'm glad the world has chosen (YES CHOSEN, NOT BEEN FORCED) to settle on a single operating system for compatibility. This makes life easier for all of us. The cost of windows is not high. It's a tremendous buy for a small price. I don't have to spend \$20, \$30 or \$50 dollars on separate packages to defrag my hard drive, surf then net or send email. This is all included. I STILL HAVE THE CHOICE to install whatever software I wish to use. If I don't like IE, then I'll pick Netscape, If I don't like the defrager, I'll pick Norton etc, etc, etc. This doesn't make me a big fan of Microsoft. I think they still make some pretty buggy, shoddy software but it is better and more compatible than anything else out there. I have millions of programs to choose from because of Windows. Any other Operating System only has a tiny fraction of that number of programs. So please. Think about what effects you'll have on computing if this ludicrous case continues. Please let the public make its own decisions.

Thank you

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